(b) If so, the details thereof, and of not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OIF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the Reserve Bank of India was constrained to hold in abedy are operations oIf the accounts in India of the Bank or Foreign Economic Affairs of USSR. Consequently, reimabsement of payments to exports was stopped on 27-1991. Subsequently the following arrangements were worked out to facilities payments in respect of trade commitments already made by India[exporters. the Reserve Bank of India agreed to settle the relenishment coliseums from authorised dealers in India, maintaining the accounts of the Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of USSR in respect of (i) foods shipped up to 31st December, 1991 (ii) goods shipped after 31st December, 1991 but not later than 31st march, 1992, against Letters of Credit already opened by banks in the erstwhile Soviet Union and advised to the Indain exports up to 31st December, 1991, and (iii) payment due to Indian project exports up to 31st December, 1991 and duly certified for payment by the employers

[*Translation*]

Ordnance Factories and Sainik Schools in Memory of Recepients of Param Vir Chakra

1845. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open ordnance factories and Sainik Schools in the country in the memory of the recipients of Param Vir Chakra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Considering the available capacity in ordnance factories/civil sector and the requirements, there is no proposal to set up a new ordnance factory.

A Sainik school is opened on the specific request of a State Government/Union Territory Administration as entire capital expenditure and major portion of recurring expenditure has to be met by it. No concrete proposal from any of the State Governments/Union Territory administrations is currently under active consideration.

Widening of National Highway No.4

1846. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to widen Bangalore-Hosur-Hoskote-Devanahalli section of National Highway No.4 to four lane; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUREFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: (a) and (b). Bangalore-Hosur-Hokote-Devanhalli streatch consists of the following three sections of National Highway Nos. 4 & 7:

(i) Bangalore -Hosur Section of NH-7.

(ii) Bangalore -Hoskote Section of NH-4.

(iii) Bangalore -Devanahalli Section of N H-7

Four-laning of Bangalore-Hour section has been approved under Asian Development bank assistance (Package-II). Four-laning of the other two sections will depend on provisions in the 8th plan which is yet to be finalised.

[*Translation*]

Yarn from Waste Cotton and Thick Count

1847. DR. LAL BHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Yarn produced from waste cotton and thick count for weaving industry during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any Scheme to ensure its more production; and

(c) if so, the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHOLOT) : (a) Since the unit manufacturing yarn from waste cotton are in the Small scale/Unorganised sector, the information about the quantity of yarn produced from waste cotton is not available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Export performance of Industrial Houses

1848. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total import and export output of top twenty industrial houses in the country for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91, separately;

(b) whether the Government had constituted a panel to review the export performance of large industrial houses and to suggest suitable measures for increasing such exports;

(c) if so, the salient features of the suggestions made by the panel;

(d) when this panel was formed and who were the members;

(e) whether the suggestions made by the panel have been implemented;

(f) if so, the extent to which the exports has increased as a result thereof; and

(g) the other measures taken or proposed to be taken to increase exports by big industrial houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As per the data available the total import and export of selected large industrial house for the year 1986-87, to the year 1989-90 separately may be seen at Statement-I

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The salient features of the suggestions made by the panel are enclose at Statement-II

(d) The panel was set up in december 1988 and names of the members of the panel are enclosed at Statement-III

(e) to (g). The suggestions made by the